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revenue from the same period of time would be \$286,500, so for the half year what we are talking about is spending authority of \$79,437. Again, it's a small amount. It will be a little money spent for a great objective. You have to bear in mind that the federal government and the veterans themselves pay the cost of this facility. Next year we'll have a projected cost of a million, three eighteen, and revenue over a million, five eleven. So all of this will come back and there is no additional money being spent, but the spending authority would be there for the sums that I just mentioned. I urge that you give this your consideration and vote approval. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the amendment, Senator Coordsen. Senator Wehrbein.

Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I signed on SENATOR WEHRBEIN: this with Senator Tyson. It was something that if the committee, if our committee would have had this issue, we would have done it ourselves. It came just recently since we finalized the budget. To clarify, it's \$258,639 cash, if you're reading your gadget, and \$107,298 federal funds, so it's cash and federal, and what it really says is that this has been designed to accommodate the cash income that's coming from those if this opens up. So it's really a more efficient way. It's very logical to do. It utilizes those cash and federal funds because we have put in the money to open this but it was...we were...it was not brought to our attention that this amount was needed to go to the full 145 beds. We're going to have a very nice brand new facility at Norfolk. There is interest in It's something that's been in the works for six or eight years, from the time that we talked about it in our committee where we set aside the money. We matched the federal money. It's on its It only makes very good sense to accommodate that and use it to its max. And this amendment will assure that as soon as it's...soon as it's possible. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Senator Tyson, would you yield to a question?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Tyson.